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Prof. J. Lederberg,
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Wisconsin, U.S.A.

Dear Professor Lederberg,

Dr A. Bernstein tells me that he has applied for a part-time Research Assistantship in your Department, and in this connection has asked me to act as a referee. I am glad to say that I can recommend him highly and wish him every success in his application.

He came to me in August 1952 after taking his Diploma of Bacteriology at the London School of Hygiene. His first assignment here was in routine enteric bacteriology, which he carried out with great efficiency. In December he took charge, part-time, of our new branch laboratory at Salford and he showed considerable aptitude in organisation and in his personal relations with Health Department staff.

The rest of his time here has been devoted to several small problems connected with Salmonellae and the coliforms associated with gastro-enteritis of infants. He is just beginning a search for lytic phages for these coliforms but I do not expect that he will get very far with this if he leaves us in the summer. I have, however, been very impressed with the competent way he has tackled the problems he has been given. He has a good all-round knowledge of bacteriology and has been particularly well-trained in the serology of the enteric group. He also has a good grasp of statistical principles.

He is a very pleasant man and we have very much enjoyed having him in the Laboratory. Although he is modest and rather self-effacing he has a strong personality and a good deal of self-determination. He is a highly intelligent and cultured person and he works hard.

Naturally we are sorry that he may leave us but I am sure that a period in your Laboratory would be a great opportunity for him. I think he has the character and ability to make a first-class research worker.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. T. Parker'.

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Director.